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WASHINGTON, DC - Today, U.S. Rep. Michael Arcuri (NY-24) announced that the City of Utica would be receiving \$1,192,417 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (Recovery Bill) funding from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) in order to prevent families and individuals from becoming homeless due to a financial or personal crisis.

"Protecting families that are already dealing with a difficult financial or personal situation from having to deal with the added tragedy of homelessness should be a priority," **Arcuri said**, "This funding will be used in the City of Utica to ease the burden of financial loss and provide safe havens for families in their time of deepest need."

This Recovery Bill funding will rapidly re-house families who fall into homelessness, or prevent families from becoming homeless in the first place. The funding is also designed to help persons and families facing a sudden financial crisis that could lead to homelessness. This funding for the City of Utica was part of \$300 million in Recovery Bill funding designated for nearly 100 communities across the nation to prevent homelessness and help families in their time of need.

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